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GOVERNMENT ISSUES DIRECTIVE DESIGNED
TO INCREASE FISH INDUSTRY PRODUCTION

A directive of the central government in Peiping is designed to strengthen the China fishing industry by supervised loans to operators, development of hatcheries for stocking inland waters, market controls, and assurance of adequate prices to fishermen. The Hainan government has authorized a loan program to rebuild the island's fishing industry, which was reduced during the war from a fleet of 5,000 boats to only 1,000.

AGRICULTURE MINISTRY SEEKS FISH SURPLUS -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 18 Apr 51

Peiping, 16 April -- The Ministry of Agriculture of the Central People's Government, Republic of China, has issued a directive regarding the fishing industry, which is intended to increase production and secure a surplus. The directive includes the following provisions:

1. Since the bulk of the fishing industry is still being carried on by private industry, it is necessary to improve the industry and the morale of the fishermen. Not only should cooperatives, mutual-aid programs, and Fishermen's Associations be promoted, but immediate aid should be given in organizing productive activities. The productive activities should seek to promote more fishing expeditions, greater respect for the industry, more attention to stocking inland waters with fish, organization of committees to promote marketing and increasing supply of equipment to fishermen, and prevention of illegal fishing.

2. The authorities should take steps to see that fisheries loans shall be used in the most fruitful manner, and teach the people how to increase their savings to the point where they can operate independently of government financing. Transporting, marketing, and curing problems must also be given close attention by the responsible authorities.

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3. Market controls, existing cold storage facilities and their efficient use, and letting of operation and processing contracts to cooperatives should engage the attention of government companies. Organization of both private and public resources to regulate supply and demand is important. An adequate profit for the fishermen should be assured and the expenses of marketing reduced.

4. To exceed the 1951 goals, strong efforts should be made to maintain government-operated fishing enterprises, carry out the budget system of financing, depend on democratic control by the workers, expand the competitive system, raise technical standards, and expand production.

GOVERNMENT ADVANCES LOANS TO HAINAN FISHERMEN -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 18 Apr 51

Canton, 16 April (Hsin-hua) -- The Hainan Military and Administrative Committee has just made available a huge loan fund to support the fishing industry of that island.

Before the Japanese invasion, the 5,000 boats engaged in the fishing industry had an annual catch of 24,000 tons. Due to the ravages of the Japanese armies and the KMT mismanagement that followed, only about 1,000 fishing boats are now in operation and the catch has been greatly reduced.

The Military and Administrative Committee plans to establish 90 supply and marketing cooperatives to promote the interests of the marine products industry. One billion yuan will be spent in establishing seven fish markets at various points on the coast to control transport and marketing of marine products. The island's coastal waters abound with more than 1,000 varieties of fish, and fishing may be carried on throughout the year.

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